

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable. In other words, even though I only make a few long distance calls a year, I would still pay the same flat fee for long distance that high-volume long-distance customers pay. I should not have to pay the same as everyone else cause I don't have the same needs, nor the same resources as others. Part of being a citizen is learning how to budget your own money. This is why I chose to switch to a wireless prepaid phone. I can control how much I have to spend for a phone. This tax hike is completely unfair and should incorporate the thoughts of the customers it would effect, not just the businesses who offer the services.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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